

LEFTY ANDERSON CRAVATH TO PLAY EAGER TO PLAY WITH THE PHILS

Mackman Returns to This Country After Foreign Service on Destroyer Slugging Outfielder Has Not Been Sold. Declares President Baker

"WHITE" WITT BACK COOMBS TO MAKE DEALS

One by one the major league baseball players are returning to this country after doing their "bit" in the world's classic "over there." Yesterday "Cap" Houston, half owner of the New York Yankees, arrived in New York, while Anderson is anxious to get into a baseball uniform once more.

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The young southerner who was on a destroyer which patrolled the E-boat zone, is the second Athletic player to return from overseas. Lawton Witt, also a navy man, arrived in Boston last week. Witt's wife, Elmer Myers, Jack Taylor and O'Keefe; Third Base man Ray Bates, Catchers Pat Haley and Murphy and Outfielder Bailey, however, are still on the other side.

Connie Mack stated last evening that he hasn't sent out a contract as yet, and wouldn't do so until after the joint meeting of the two leagues in New York, January 16. The Athletics have a strong roster of players to choose from, provided they all receive their discharge from the service. Practice will be held at Shibe Park.

EDDIE MOORE KILLED Former Penn State Catcher Makes Supreme Sacrifice

Marysville, Pa., Jan. 3.—Edward L. Moore, one of the best-known athletes of the Juniata Valley, was killed in France on September 20. Moore was serving as a second lieutenant with the Thirty-ninth Infantry, while a student at Pennsylvania State College. Moore caught during his last three years on the varsity baseball team, captaining the squad during his senior year.

NEW PILOT FOR HERMAN Muggsy Taylor to Manage Bantamweight Champion

Pete Herman, U. S. N., bantamweight champion of the world, has decided to locate in this city. Transportation was sent his wife yesterday afternoon to come to Philadelphia and make it her home.

Herman "Muggsy" Taylor is to be Herman's new manager. He proposes to send the champion over a route which will make every bantamweight in the East toe the mark.

SPEEDBOYS TOO SPEEDY West Phila. Tankmen Defeat Central High, 43-10

Taking first place in all save one event, the West Philadelphia High School swimmers yesterday opened their season with an easy victory over Central's nators, the final score being 43 to 10. The swim team held in the West Branch, Y. M. C. A. pool.

The work of Captain Holst featured for the winners. He performed in three events, winning two and adding in the other triumph. He swam the century in 1 and for half that distance was timed twenty-two seconds. His third trial was in the relay, which was the most exciting race of all.

Amateur Cage Comment Soccer News and Notes

The Mount Carmel C. C. claims the Catholic basketball championship of Philadelphia and is willing to defend the title against other Catholic clubs. Address William Hayes, 2022 Locust St.

St. Ann's C. C. would like to arrange games with all first and second class teams in or out of the city, offering a reasonable guarantee. Address Edward Seale, 2613 East Locust Ave.

The Grace-Mar, a strong thirteen to fifteen year old traveling team, wants games with other teams of the city and offering a fair guarantee. Address Alva Jaffe, 729 Philadelphia St.

Red Circle, champion basketball team of Haddonfield, would like to meet some of our first-class teams having balls. Address Paul Pachter, 1209 North Marshall St.

The Globe B. C. wants games with all first and second class teams having balls. Address J. A. Hertz, 1212 Locust St.

The Western Club wants games with all first and second class teams having balls. Address L. W. Fox, 729 South 11th St., or phone Woodland 4612.

The Woodcroft B. C. would like to meet some of our first-class teams of the city and offering a fair guarantee. Address W. H. Under, Aldan, Pa.

HOME TOWN FOLKS By CUNNINGHAM



MR. HARRY McDERMOTT, the popular hat salesman, has not been seen riding in his auto lately. It was laid up, suffering with a lame tire and lack of gasoline for some time.

LOTS of folks on Chestnut street are wearing their Xmas neckties. Chestnut street won't seem like Chestnut street until the boys come home.

MR. RUSSELL HIRST, the bright young druggist of Sedgewick, missed the 8:03 P. & R. the other a. m. and had to ride to the city on the Mt. Airy P. R. T. car line. Next time, Russell says, he'll walk to the office.



MR. PHILADELPHIA JOHN O'BRIEN, the former w-khown pugilist and actor, declares he has been punched upon the nose more than 5000 times during his career as an exponent of the manly art of self-defense. Mr. O'Brien is a bachelor and all the punches were received during business hrs.

MR. FRANK BRADLEY, the handsome shipbldr. of Richmond, flivvered into town to say hello and buy some coffee. Coming over the cobble near the office, Mr. Bradley says the flivver developed whooping cough.

MR. BERT CROWHURST, the enterprising hotel mgr., believes the fashionable tight skirt will have its effect on dancing.

NO BATHING in Atlantic City outdoors this weather.



PITT RATED FIRST Camp Places Panthers on Top Ring of Football Ladder

Walter Camp, in his review of the 1918 football season in this week's column, virtually awards the gridiron championship to Pitt. In his judgment, he says, the Panthers, even though defeated at the season's end by Cleveland Reserve, was a safer eleven to bank on, under all conditions, than any team for the last two or three years.

Firemen Honor Bill Shettsline William J. Shettsline, business manager of the Phillies, was given a New Year's surprise by his old associates of the firemen's union of which he was president for ten years.

"SILK" O'Loughlin Leaves \$25,000 Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The will of Francis L. "Silk" O'Loughlin, American League umpire, who died here on December 20, which was filed here yesterday, left an estate valued at \$25,000, is left to his widow.

For the first time this season Bethlehem failed to defeat at the hands of the St. Louis soccer eleven, losing the game by one goal.

Manager Howe, with his ideal clear, was out of the hampest man on the field, but he was not complete, several of those stars players being on the injured list.

It must be remembered also that "Cannon" was not complete, several of those stars players being on the injured list.

Coach Hildebrand's prestige at Germantown Box Club lowered the honors of the North Philadelphia team who held the championship title in the Blue Star's League, owing them to the loss score of 12 goals to 2.

We all regretted to see Pollitt get hurt, and it had a tendency to weaken the Jersey team, after he was forced to retire.

BIG INCREASE IN WARSHIPS' COST Those Built in Government Yards 43 Per Cent Over Estimate

Washington, Jan. 3.—Was conditions have brought about an enormous increase in the cost of building warships, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, told the House Naval Committee, in discussing the 1920 naval appropriation bill. He estimated that the hulls and machinery of the ten battleships and six battle cruisers authorized in 1918 would cost nearly \$150,000,000 more than originally estimated—an increase of about 50 per cent.

Admiral Taylor said he did not think it was likely that the end of hostilities would result in any speedy reduction in cost.

"The battleship Mississippi (a new ship delivered last year) was built on contract for \$21,000,000," the admiral said, "but the company which built it said it cost a large sum of money, and when bids on the battleships California and Tennessee were asked for, no contractor submitted a bid under the estimated cost of \$7,800,000."

The Government then decided to build them in its own navy yards, and the cost will amount to probably \$11,200,000 each, an increase of 43 per cent over the estimated cost. The same increase will apply probably to capital ships authorized in the 1918 three-year program.

Admiral Taylor said the cost of constructing merchant ships has increased from \$75 to \$200 a ton, while the cost of battleships has increased less than 50 per cent.

"If there has been an increase of \$100,000,000 over the estimated cost of the 1918 three-year program, what will the increase be in the three-year program just recommended by Secretary Daniels?" asked Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania.

The cost is estimated at \$600,000,000, but the estimate for the individual ships are not much larger than for those made in the 1918 program. Surely they cannot be made any cheaper than those being constructed now."

Admiral Taylor replied that there may be large reductions in the cost of construction before the program is started. The 1918 program will not be completed until 1922, he said, and the new program cannot be put into full swing before the present one is out of the way.

Secretary Daniels, who preceded Admiral Taylor before the committee, said electrically driven machinery will give future American battleships and battle cruisers a superiority over the big fighting craft of the other navies of the world. Mr. Daniels described at length the results obtained in trials of the new superdreadnought New Mexico, the first battleship in the world to be equipped with the electric drive.

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THE DANGER SPOT OF EUROPE

A striking article in this week's LITERARY DIGEST—January 4th—deals with what is likely to be the most acute and difficult problem that the Peace Conference will have to solve—the clashing claims of the Italians and the Jugo-Slavs to the eastern shores of the Adriatic. By direct translation and illuminating digest, the views of the leading publicists and journals of England, Italy and Austria are given. This very timely article is illustrated by a map of the Adriatic Provinces, showing the territory in dispute between Italy and the Jugo-Slavs.

Other news features of more than ordinary interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

America and Britain Draw Closer Together

Despite Attempts to Foment Discord, There Is No "Difference of Principle or of Fundamental Purpose" Between the Two Nations

Hog Island's Lost Millions

A New Weapon Against Child Labor Will the Soldier Farm? Shall We Sink the German Fleet? The Polish Pogroms Belgium Now a Sovereign State Tomorrow's Air Travel The Psychology of Victory Typewriting on the Sky No Vitamins in Beer A New Motor Fuel Locating Guns by Sound

The Puccini "Scarlet, Mauve and Yellow" Triptych

A German Declaration of Independence What Makes the Movies Popular? A German Theologian on Conciliation Reconstruction Work for Quakers Workers in Defense of the Y. M. C. A. Armenians in the United States Current Poetry Personal Glimpses of Men and Events News of Commerce and Finance

Many Fine Illustrations, Including Cartoons

A New Year's Message to "Literary Digest" Subscribers

Early in 1919 THE LITERARY DIGEST enters upon the thirtieth year of its public service. During these three momentous decades its readers have grown from a small family of local friends and supporters to a vast army numbering more than two millions and scattered over the entire face of the globe. As the New Year dawns, a New Year holding greater promise for humanity at large than any

our earth has seen, the publishers extend to all their readers everywhere greeting and good will. They thank you for the appreciation of their efforts you have shown in the past, they trust that THE DIGEST has been found a constructive force for good in our national life, and they pledge themselves to the high task of making it, week by week, more truly worth while to the public that has so generously supported it.

January 4th Number on Sale Today—All Newsdealers—10 Cents

The Literary Digest logo and title. Includes a small illustration of a man in a suit and a circular logo with 'W.S.S.' and 'SERVE'.

Advertisement for Georges suits and overcoats. Features the brand name 'Georges' in a large, stylized font. Text includes: '15th & Chestnut' Will Be on the Lips of Every Man Who Reads This IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT A Merchandising Masterstroke In Which YOU SAVE \$8.50 to \$18.50 Over 3000 Suits and Overcoats Direct From the Most Famous Makers of Men's Clothes in America—Clothes That Retail in the Most Select Shops in America at \$35, \$37.50, \$40 & \$45 All at the One Flat Price \$26.50

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